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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP (WOLFF, LESTER)

SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF: TIMOR VISIT

REF: STATE 72275

1. LIM BIAN KIE PHONED INDONESIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR
PANE APRIL 2 TO SAY THAT INDONESIANS HAD AGREED THAT
SALZBERG WOULD BE PERMITTED TO JOIN CODEL TRIP TO EAST
TIMOR.

2. PANE, ACCOMPANIED BY DEPTOFFS, HOPES TO MEET WITH
HIRC STAFFERS MONDAY APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS DETAILS AND
GROUND RULES OF TIMOR TRIP. PANE WILL EXPLAIN THAT TRIP
BY FOKKER F-28, WITH CHANGE TO SMALLER AIRCRAFT FROM
KUPANG TO DILI, WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX HOURS. TO OFFSET
POSSIBLE FUTURE CRITICISM BY CONGRESSIONAL PERSONNEL OF
COST OF TRIP (IT WILL COST ABOUT DOLS 21,000 FOR AIRCRAFT
CHARTER AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ALONE), PANE WILL ASK
WHETHER COMMITTEE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PAYING ANY PART
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OF THE BILL. IF NOT GOI WILL OF COURSE ASSUME EXPENSES.
PANE PLANS TO STRESS TO SALZBERG AT THIS MEETING THAT HE
IS BEING INVITED ON TIMOR TRIP AS QUOTE GUEST UNQUOTE OF
INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT AND NOT AS AN INVESTIGATOR.

3. IN APRIL 1 MEETING BETWEEN DEPTOFFS AND HIRC STAFFERS,
THERE WAS TENTATIVE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING

JAKARTA FOR TIMOR EARLY MORNING APRIL 14 AND RETURNING
LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 16. POSSIBILITY OF CONGRESSMAN
GOODLING JOINING TIMOR PARTY ALSO MENTIONED. WE WILL TRY
TO PIN DOWN EXACT MAKEUP OF TIMOR PARTY BY EARLY NEXT
WEEK. AT THIS TIME (ASSUMING SEATING AVAILABLE),
FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY WANT TO MAKE TRIP:

MRS. MEYNER AND GOVERNOR MEYNER
CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. GOODLING
MR. HOLSTINE
MR. SALZBERG
POL COUNSELOR GARDNER
MS. SWIFT

4. CODEL STAFFERS ASKED WHETHER EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE
INTERPRETER FLUENT IN PORTUGUESE AND POSSIBLY IN LOCAL
TIMORESE LANGUAGE (TETUM) OR IS GOI PLANNING TO DO SO?

5. ASSUMING CURRENT TENTATIVE PLANS FOR APRIL 14-16
VISIT HOLD, WHAT THOUGHTS DOES GOI HAVE FOR ACTUAL
SCHEDULE IN TIMOR? WILL CODEL MEMBERS HAVE ANY FREE TIME?

6. STAFFERS ASKED IF IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE, AND QUICKER,
TO GO FROM TIMOR DIRECT TO AUSTRALIA AND THEN ON TO
MANILA, RATHER THAN RETURNING TO JAKARTA. CONVERSELY,
THEY ALSO WANT TO KNOW WHAT FLIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM
JAKARTA TO MANILA ON APRIL 17.

7. WE SUGGEST EMBASSY PREPARE SPECIAL BRIEFING ON TIMOR
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FOR CODEL TO PREPARE FOR VISIT TO EAST TIMOR. YOU SHOULD
ALSO PASS ON TO GOI OUR APPRECIATION FOR INDONESIAN
APPROVAL FOR SALZBERG VISIT TO TIMOR.
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